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1. The MVD used an electrically operated miniature camera for external surveillance work. This camera was known as the "Ayaks"; it was like a small box, four inches long by three inches wide and one inch thick. The diameter of the lens was very small, approximately the size of a lead pencil. The camera had to be loaded with a special narrow-gauge film which had about 40 frames. The negatives were extremely small and had to be enlarged in a special enlarger. The camera was activated by a very small electric battery which the agent carried in his pocket. An electric cord, hidden under the agent's clothing, connected the battery to the camera. The button at the end of the cord which was pressed to activate the shutter was normally carried in the agent's pocket.

2. The pictures obtained with this camera were very poor. the camera did not have any real operational value.

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3. For use, the camera was attached to the agent's chest, hidden by his clothing, and the pictures were taken through the opening made in a button.

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